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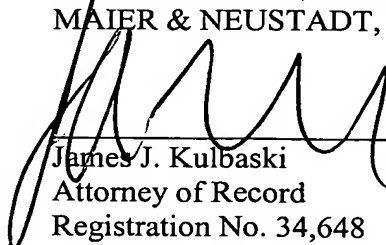
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Applicants wish to place in the file the attached European Search Report for European Patent Application EP 05 02 4549 mailed June 29, 2006 from the European patent office. Five of the six references in the search report are already of record in this case, and the sixth reference, EP 1 006 415 A has drawings which correspond to the Japanese published patent application 11-65253, a complete English translation of which has already been provided. As the subject matter of the references in the search report appear to have been considered by the Examiner, these references appear to be redundant to those already considered.

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REFERENCES

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